MCC
METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY

Sunday, September 14, 2014
14th Pentecost

Journey through Matthew, Part III

930 North 4th Street ♦ Allentown, PA 18102
610-709-8800 ♦ info@mcclv.org ♦ www.mcclv.org

The Mission of MCCLV is to call all people to a holy life in Christ, changing lives and transforming the world

MCC LEHIGH VALLEY ORDER OF SERVICE

As you prepare for worship, take a few moments to reflect on the current state of your relationship with God. Is the communication channel completely open and free of any cross-traffic that might interfere with your ability to hear from God? What do you need to let go of, so that you may let God take control? Close your eyes, take a deep breath and let worship begin for you...

Opening Song

Call to Worship

Invitation to Ministry

A Time of Praise (3 Songs)

Prayer Preparation Song

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Children's Blessing

Live Boldly

Message

Song of Response

Offering

Offering Song

Communion

Communion Song

Prayer Over Gifts

Closing Song

Commission & Blessing

NOTES FROM THE MCCLV

Office

Administrative
Assistant Paula Merkel
Office Hours:
Monday: 8am-2pm
Tues-Thurs: 8am-1pm
Fri: 8am-12 noon

Sunday Bulletin & Announcements

The deadline for all bulletin notices & announcements is **Wednesday at noon** – email to office@mcclv.org

Space Reservation: Any individual or group wishing to schedule a meeting or event at the church **is required to fill out a space reservation form**. Write to office@mcclv.org more information.

Audio-Visual Support: Anyone planning an event at MCCLV **is required to email avteam@mcclv.org at least 2 weeks** in advance to arrange any needed AV support. The church may not be able to honor last minute requests.

Looking for low-cost space for you birthday party or family celebration? Consider MCCLV's Fellowship Hall for your gathering! Contact Administrative Assistant Paula Merkel at 610-709-8800 or e-mail office@mcclv.org for more information.

MCCLV IS ON FACEBOOK!
Search **MCC Lehigh Valley.** All MCCLV related posts and tags will be approved through the office. Thank you for your cooperation!

Mark Your Calendar!

Give thanks Open House
Loreli Bauer's home
Saturday, November 1, 2014

Details to follow

MCCLV is collecting donations for food cards

2nd Sunday of the month after the worship service. Consider purchasing a gift card from Giant, Redners or Weis or making a donation to help those in great need of reducing their grocery store bills.

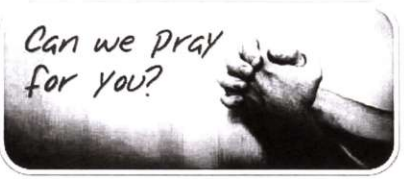
.Want to Grow in Wisdom and Knowledge?

Make a six night commitment this coming Autumn that will transform your life! Join in a six-part Adult Bible Study, meeting Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Get an in-depth look at six important New Testament letters and be forever changed!

October 15: Galatians
October 22: Ephesians
October 29: Philippians
November 5: Colossians
November 12: 1 Thessalonians
November 19: 2 Thessalonians

MCCLV's Prayer Team

If you have an urgent prayer request, please email the Prayer Team at **prayer.team@mcclv.org.** *Your prayer need will go out to over 70 people who are on MCCLV's Prayer Team. Also, if you'd like to be on this dedicated team, please let MCCLV know by emailing the Prayer*



MCCLV IS ON YOUTUBE!
To view and subscribe to our channel go to **www.youtube.com** and search **MCC LV**.

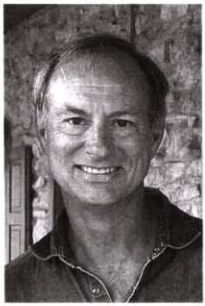
Spiritual Drum Circle: Six Sunday Series

Six Sundays:
Oct 12 & 26; Nov 9 & 30; Dec 14 & 18

Meeting in the MCCLV Sanctuary from 1:30-2:30pm. Join us for a relaxed, fun exploration of spirit through group drumming hosted by Raea. Nurture the connection between you and Spirit, others and your higher self. But be warned: exposure to drumming may cause sudden outbursts of joy, happiness, energy, creativity, awareness and spontaneous healing!

No experience is necessary. If you have a drum or percussion instrument, please bring it. Some instruments will be available to share. Have questions? Join us at an informational session on **Sunday, September 28, 2014 at 12:15** or contact Barb at barb.baus@mcclv.org

Congregational Care



Are you in need of care -- a sister or brother in Christ to pray with you, visit you in the hospital or your home, listen to your spiritual needs? MCCLV is here to help you through life's challenges. Please contact Karl Steiner at karl.steiner@mcclv.org.

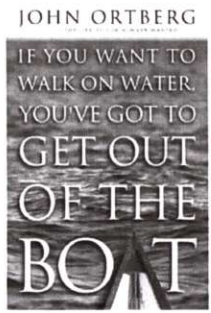
Adult Spiritual Formation

Beginning September 14, 2014, Karl Steiner will present a six week study of John Ortberg's book --

If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat.

"Far too many of us have put our faith in a casual Christianity that never compels us to leave our comfort zones. But, deep within our hearts we know that Christ has not called us to comfort, but to an exciting, sacrificial and overwhelmingly fulfilling faith. In this book, John Ortberg teaches us how to step out of the "boat" of casual Christianity so we can faithfully follow the Lord who is calling us out onto the risky, exciting waters of the high seas."

Participants are encouraged to purchase the book on Amazon for $9.68 or the electronic version for $9.20. Pre reading is not essential, but you will get more out of the study if you get the book and read ahead.



FOOD CONCESSION FOR SATURDAY'S SINGSPIRATION CONCERT

Before and during the Saturday, September 28, 2014 evening concert of Singspiration ,MCCLV's Fundraising Committee will host a food concession stand. Saadia Negron and crew have agreed to share their wonderful cooking talents with us. So, come hungry and plan to spend a bit of money to feast on these yummy treats!

- Pastelillos
- Perogies
- Seasoned Corn on the Cob (like at the Fair)
- Virgin Pina Coladas (no alcohol)
- Sodas

100% of the profit raised will benefit MCCLV's General Fund

Stewardship Team Meets 4th Sunday of Month

MCCLV's Stewardship Team meets the 4th Sunday of the month at 9:00am. Come to these great gatherings and help plan things like the church's annual pledge drive. All are welcome to participate.

Contact Jim Harbst at jim.harbst@icloud.com for more information.

Congregational Forum

September 21, 2014

12:00 noon potluck followed by 12:30-2:00pm Forum

MCCLV's Board of Directors will be providing an update on the state of our union, introducing MCCLV's 2015 proposed budget and presenting updates on all MCCLV's committees. ALL congregants are invited and welcome for discussion, questions, ideas, concerns, input, feedback, and approvals. Looking forward to seeing everyone of you there.

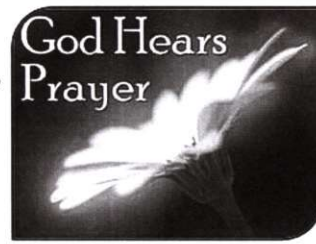
Early Morning Prayer -- Every Sunday at 8:00 AM -- MCCLV's Prayer Room

Prayer Develops Our Relationship with God.

If we never speak to our friends or never listen to anything they might have to say to us, our relationships will quickly deteriorate. It is the same way with God. Prayer - communicating with God helps us grow closer and more intimately connected with God.

Zechariah 13:9

I will bring that group through the fire and make them pure, just as gold and silver are refined and purified by fire. They will call on my name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'These are my people,' and they will say, 'The LORD is our God.' (NLT)

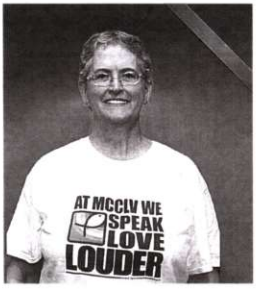


Help Out MCCLV's Pastor

Do you enjoy reading novels in a variety of genres? Your help is needed! Pastor Elizabeth Goudy will have a rough draft of her book prepared following her sabbatical months August-September, 2014. A group is needed to read through the manuscript in October, 2014. This is a short-term activity but will require a high level of commitment and focus. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, contact rev.goudy@mcclv.org. Also if you have experience with the publishing industry or using a literary agent, email the Pastor.

Donations Of Fresh Produce Needed

Following worship service September 14th, 21st and 28th, MCCLV will be holding a Free Market for our neighbors.
If you have extra produce from your garden, please consider donating it to the market.



Contact Barb Baus at
barb.baus@mcclv.org
or see her after worship
for more details

Work Sundays?
Not a "morning person"?
Want more options with worship?
Don't want to go anywhere or do anything on a Sunday?

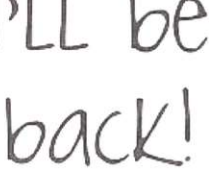
Coming February 21, 2015 @ MCCLV
Weekly Saturday Evening
5:15pm Worship Service

Word Alive Ministry

WORD ALIVE (formerly, the Worship Arts Ministry) will be meeting on **Sunday, September 21, 2014 at 12:15pm** for those who are currently involved and those who are interested in becoming a part of this creative ministry of bringing the Scriptures to life.

If you are interested, please contact Dean Hiatt in person or at dean.hiatt@mcclv.org.

Coverages During Pastor's Sabbatical



MCCLV Pastor Elizabeth Goudy is on Sabbatical during the months of August & September, 2014 (and January, 2015).

Below is a listing of coverages:

Serving as Ministry Coordinator Meetings Facilitator:
Brian Jones (brian.jones@mcclv.org)

Serving as Board Moderator:
Emma Marrero (autleaves@aol.com)

Serving as Church-Share Point Person:
Emma Marrero (autleaves@aol.com)

Serving as Staff Meeting Facilitator:
Brian Jones (brian.jones@mcclv.org)

Serving as Preachers:
Rev. Jen Glass, Randy D'Angelo, Robert Schotter

Serving as Main Worship Leader:
Karl Steiner (karl.steiner@mcclv.org)

Serving as Care Coordinator
(hospitalizations, home visits, etc.): Karl Steiner (karl.steiner@mcclv.org)

Serving as Weddings & Funerals Officiant:
Rev. Elaine Ely (pastor_elaine@yahoo.com)

Serving as Bulletin Editor:
Lauren Sheldon (laurenesheldon@gmail.com)

Serving as e-Listserve Editor:
Barb Colvin (bjc7500@yahoo.com)

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8th ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY BASKET RAFFLE

TAILGATE PARTY

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 8, 2014

Doors Open at 9 AM
Drawing Begins at 12 NOON

American Club of Coplay Pavilion
300 Cherry Street
Coplay, PA 18037

TICKET PRICE: $25.00 (non-refundable)
Includes Tailgate Party Luncheon

To pre-purchase tickets (space is limited)
Email: TrickyTrayMCCLV@gmail.com
or see a Tricky Tray Committee Member

Personal checks at the door require photo ID
MasterCard and VISA accepted day of event

Over 100

Fabulous Prizes to Win!
Flat Screen LCD/HDTV
Lenovo Laptop
Microsoft Surface
eReader
Dyson Vacuum
Keurig Coffee Maker
Blue Ray Player
Children's Electronics
Coach Purse
Cookware
Lottery Ticket Trees

PLUS

Fantastic Gift Cards!
Cash Prizes!
Door Prizes!

All proceeds raised will benefit the Communities and Missions served by:
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TRICKY TRAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
IT PAYS TO VOLUNTEER!

The Tricky Tray Committee needs volunteers to help before and on the day of the event. Volunteers are needed on **Friday, November 7th** to transport baskets and set up the event space. Volunteers are needed on **Saturday, November 8th** to sell raffle tickets for each prize category and to assist with prize running during the drawing portion of the day.

Lastly, we need volunteers to canvas the Lehigh Valley with posters for the event (local businesses, supermarkets, daycares, etc. please get the store owner/management's permission before posting a sign).

Those volunteering during the event on the 8th will receive $26 in perks and our eternal gratitude!

Day-of-Event Volunteers get: reduced priced $20 admission ticket and lunch (value $5), 5 Purple tickets (value $5), 3 Orange tickets (value $9) and 1 Yellow ticket (value $7) for a total value of $26.

Please contact Jenn LaTorre at jlaroux2002@yahoo.com or see her following worship to sign up. Thank you!

TRICKY TRAY CORPORATE DONATIONS AND POSTERS

Please help the Tricky Tray Committee by taking corporate donation letters to all the businesses you frequent (hairdresser, bank, restaurants/bars, real estate agent, mechanic, florist, accountant, lawyer, etc.) and personally asking them to support MCCLV by either donating an item, service, or gift certificate for inclusion in a basket OR placing an ad in the event program booklet. Donation letters are available following service. The letter includes the sizes and costs for placing advertisements in the program.

See Sue Carpenter or any member of the Tricky Tray Committee for letters or posters.

Come out and have a fun time while hopefully winning a great prize! Invite your friends, families, neighbors and co-workers! The venue can accommodate 25 tables which is 200 people. The committee welcomes the problem of "overselling" the house!

Questions or to buy tickets, please see Wendy Bitterman or any member of the Tricky Tray Committee following worship.

MCCLV's Annual Free Market

Free Fruits and Vegetables

September 14, 21 & 28
1:00pm—2:00pm
(While Supplies Last)

This event is an outreach to MCCLV's Neighbors and Surrounding Community

Contact Barb Baus @ barb.baus@mcclv.org to donate, volunteer or for more info.

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20/30s Young Men's Group

Are you in your 20s or 30s? Looking for some fun and fellowship? Would you like to connect with others in your age group? Join the fabulous 20s30s crew at their regular gatherings the **First Friday at 7pm** at MCCLV. It's a great place to meet others with common goals and kindred spiritual journeys.

For details contact Scott George
e-mail: smgmcclv.gamil.com

*****FOOD PANTRY*****

The current OWL's Nest Pantry will be closed on September 14th and 21st, 2014.

On September 28, 2014 we will be reopening as part of the Second Harvest network of Food Banks. We will be open on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month from 1:00-3:00pm and will be distributing food in the library.

Please think about volunteering one Sunday a month or once every couple of months. On Friday September 19, 2014 we will be receiving our first delivery. If anyone is available to help for a couple of hours, beginning around 10:00 a.m. please let us know. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact

Saadia Negron at
saadia.negron@yahoo.com
or Judy McNally at
njm0@Lehigh.edu.

FORGE A stronger relationship with Christ and one another—join a FORGE group!

A FORGE group **is not** a Bible study, Christian training session, group therapy, nor a doctrinal boot camp.

A FORGE group **is** a small, relational gathering of Christians, primarily focused on **transformation** and not information, where people learn how to interpret their entire lives through the lens of gospel and grow in faith in Christ.

Groups meet every other week for one hour—for worship, prayer, devotionals, testimonies and fellowship. Although groups are spread out geographically (South, East and West) to make them easier to get to, you may attend whichever group you choose, even if it is not the one nearest you.

***Contact group leaders to learn more ***

FORGE West Leaders:
Scott George **smgmcclv@gmail.com**
Ron Smith **rsmith.mcclv@gmail.com**

FORGE South Leaders:
Loreli Bauer **lorelibauer@aol.com**
Elaine Ely **pastor_elaine@yahoo.com**

FORGE East Leaders:
Barb Baus
babaus@hotmail.com
Lauren Sheldon
laurenesheldon@gmail.com

Policy & Procedure Committee

All strong organizations run smoothly with clear policies and procedures in place. Do you have a heart for ensuring the safety of the church's children? Do you believe in the benefits of Direct Dealing? Would you like to equip MCCLV with the proper tools to be the place God is calling the church to be?

Meets 4th Sundays
For more information, please see
Lauren Sheldon: laurenesheldon@gmail.com or
Emma Marrero: emma.marrero@kidspeace.org

September is "Special Welcome Month" at MCCLV

All are encouraged to bring a friend to Church so they too may experience the energy of MCCLV's worship and the fellowship of our radically inclusive Christian community in the Lehigh Valley. Summer is ending and Fall begins bringing a new season to our lives on September 22, 2014 at 10:29 P.M. EDT.

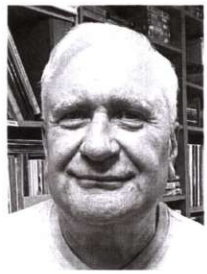
Quote Of The Day

Life's challenges are not suppose
to paralyze you,
They're suppose to help you discover
who you are.
(Bernice Johnson Reagan)

MCCLV Retirees are Gathering

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday, MCCLV Retirees meet from 9:30am to 11:00am in MCCLV's Fellowship Hall.

Come and join the laughter
and conversation.



Contact George Cabot,
george.cabot@yahoo.com, or
Karl Steiner,
karl.steiner@mcclv.org,
for more information.

OCTOBER FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING CHANGE

There will **not** be a meeting of the Fundraising Committee on Sunday, 10/5. The next meeting of this Committee will be on **Sunday, 10/12 at 12:15 pm**.

Singspiration 2014

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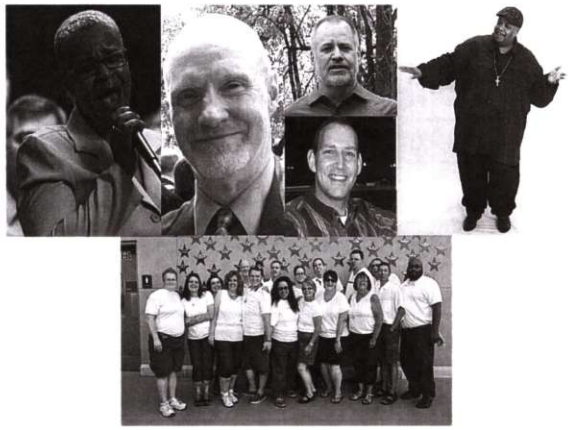
"Singin' With the Saints"
Free Concert

Saturday, September 27 @ 6:00pm



Hosted By:
MCCLV Music and Worship Director Brian Jones and Dean Hiatt

Featuring:
Anthony Young & Unity of the Lehigh Valley Choir
Minister Cheryl Bragg
Mike Swartz and the Voices of Spirit
Wanda Brothers
Brian Jones and B.A.S.I.C.

For more info contact: Brian.jones@mcclv.org

Are you in need of individual prayer?

MCCLV's Prayer Room is reserved every Sunday after Worship for intercessory prayer. See Loreli Bauer who will arrange a deacon to pray with you.

You may also email Loreli: lorelibauer@aol.com

AV Team Needs You!

Do you enjoy techie things? Interested in how the technology at MCCLV comes together?

See Jeff Hayes or e-mail avteam@mcclv.org for more details.

"Extraordinary Friends" Sunday School Class Forming -

A new spiritual growth opportunity will be offered to young adults in need of a more concrete approach to learning about God's Word and God's role in their lives. Programming will consist of two areas for growth. The first will be learning how we experience God's love for us and how we live a life dedicated to God. The second area will focus on being good stewards of God's earth by taking responsibility for the "Green Team" at MCCLV.

Classes will meet at 9am every Sunday
Questions or to join this group, please see Barb Baus or Sue Carpenter.

MCCLV Members Aim For 10%!

PERCENTAGE OF GIVING CHART

ANNUAL INCOME	1% WEEKLY	2% WEEKLY	3% WEEKLY	4% WEEKLY	5% WEEKLY	6% WEEKLY	7% WEEKLY	8% WEEKLY	9% WEEKLY	10% WEEKLY
$ 25,000	$ 5	$ 10	$ 14	$ 19	$ 24	$ 29	$ 34	$ 38	$ 43	$ 48
$ 35,000	$ 7	$ 13	$ 20	$ 27	$ 34	$ 40	$ 47	$ 54	$ 61	$ 67
$ 45,000	$ 9	$ 17	$ 26	$ 35	$ 43	$ 52	$ 61	$ 69	$ 78	$ 87
$ 55,000	$ 11	$ 21	$ 32	$ 42	$ 53	$ 63	$ 74	$ 85	$ 95	$ 106
$ 65,000	$ 13	$ 25	$ 38	$ 50	$ 63	$ 75	$ 88	$ 100	$ 113	$ 125
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$ 115,000	$ 22	$ 44	$ 66	$ 88	$ 111	$ 133	$ 155	$ 177	$ 199	$ 221
$ 125,000	$ 24	$ 48	$ 72	$ 96	$ 120	$ 144	$ 168	$ 192	$ 216	$ 240
$ 135,000	$ 26	$ 52	$ 78	$ 104	$ 130	$ 156	$ 182	$ 208	$ 234	$ 260
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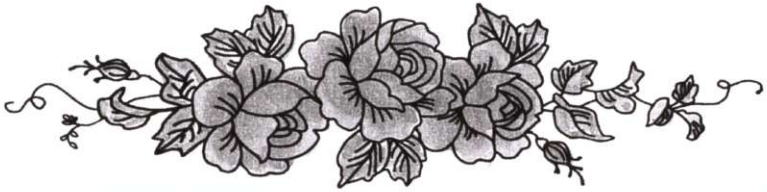

UPCOMING WORSHIP AT MCCLV

15th Pentecost: September 21, 2014 @ 10:30am
Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:1-16
Preaching: Rev. Jen Glass
Sermon Title: **"Journey Through Matthew, Part IV"**

16th Pentecost: September 28, 2014@10:30am
Scripture Reading: Psalm 100
Preaching; Rev. Jen Glass
Sermon Title: **"Sing Praises to God"**

17th Pentecost: October 5, 2014 @ 10:30am
Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17
Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy
Sermon Title: **"Harvest Gratitude"**

18th Pentecost: October 12, 2014 @ 10:30am
Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy
Sermon Title: **"Harvest Reconciliation"**

19th Pentecost: October 19, 2014 @ 10:30am
Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy
Sermon Title: **"Harvest Generosity"**

20th Pentecost: October 26, 2014 @ 10:30AM
Scripture Readings Matthew 22:34-40 & Exodus 22:21-27
Preaching: Robert Schotter
Sermon Title: **"Finding God's Love in the Face of the Stranger"**

Today's Scripture Reading:

Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Creator will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

MCCLV's Weekly 2014 Budgeted for Giving is $3,916.98

Date	Attendance	Giving
9/14/2014	80	$2,491.18
9/07/2014	72	$2,212.55
8/24/2014	84	$4,860.55
8/17/2014	73	$1,942.66

Full financial reporting is provided at the Board meeting on the 2nd Sunday of every month. All are welcome to attend. Additionally, reports may be viewed in the Board binder in the Library.

MCCLV MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Congregational Care & Health:
Karl Steiner | karl.steiner@mcclv.org
20s30s Young Men's Group, G.I.F.T. Young Women's Group, MCCLV Retirees, HIV Support, Drumming Circle, Fellowship, Visitor Team, Prayer Team, Reconciliation & Affirmation, Grief Counseling & Deacon Care

Spiritual Formation:
See Rev. Goudy for more information
FORGE Groups, Adult Spiritual Formation and Children & Youth Spiritual Formation

Outreach & Justice:
Barb Baus | barb.baus@mcclv.org
Evangelism, Free Market, Silent Witness, Food Pantry and Helping Hands Ministry

Media & Marketing:
See Rev. Goudy for more information
Communications and Marketing Ministry

Denominational Representatives:
Lay Delegates Hope Hilby and Normana Schaaf

MCCLV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sue Carpenter, Jim Harbst, Diana LaTorre, Emma Marrero, Lauren Sheldon and Ron Smith
If you would like an item included on the Board agenda see any Board Member

MCCLV DEACONS

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